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GRA Deadlines

February 11th

Is the last day to submit an application for Spring 2009 graduation. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Graduation applications are available in the office of Graduate and Research Affairs SSE 1410 or on-line at <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gra/grad/appgradadvdgr.html>

April 6th

Final day for submission of thesis without risk: Your thesis will be reviewed in time for you to make any corrections and obtain final clearance to submit your thesis to Montezuma Publishing by the May 21st noon deadline.

JDP Reminder

Attention Directors and Coordinators

This message is to inform you that **no adjustments** in JDP control or research unit lists **will be accepted after the Add/Drop deadline of FEBRUARY 11, 2009.**

If adjustments must be made after this date, if they increase the fees, the student and/or program will be responsible for those increases. Such changes will be processed only until February 13th. **After census, no changes will be possible.** (Census is February 18th.)

JDP directors are responsible for communicating this information to all students in your program(s) and to all coordinators and advisors who process the JDP support lists.

Financial Support for Graduate Students/Lecturers/Faculty

SDSU Sally Casanova Pre-doctoral Application 2009-2010

<http://www.calstate.edu/PreDoc/index.shtml>

The Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool of potential university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are:

- Current upper division or graduate students in the CSU
- Economically and educationally disadvantaged
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Leaders of tomorrow

The program offers graduate students who are interested in doctoral programs the opportunity to explore doctoral study with a cash award of \$2000 to the student and \$1000 to the faculty mentor. This money can be used for travel expenses to prospective universities, conferences, taking the GRE, attending seminars, subscriptions to publications etc.

Students who receive this award also are given the opportunity to participate in one of UC's summer research internship programs during the summer of 2010. Funding for the summer research internship covers 8-10 week period generally beginning sometime in June and ending in August. The award amount is agreed upon between the institution and the Pre-Doctoral Program Office. Funding generally covers housing, meals, transportation, and program participation costs that are deemed reasonable for the institution. A separate stipend is also awarded to the scholar, dependent upon available budget

All details of this scholarship program can be found on www.CalState.edu/predoc. Applications are available in our office and on-line. Applications are to be submitted only through the Graduate and Research Affairs office. You may contact Janet Rodgers (jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu) if you have any questions. Applications are due in the Graduate and Research Affairs office by **March, 2009**. Applications will be reviewed and recommendations will be forwarded to the CSU.

For more information regarding this program please contact jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu

Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Applications 2009-2010

<http://www.calstate.edu/hr/cdip/>

The Chancellors Doctoral Incentive Program is a program designed for underrepresented students; it provides financial assistance to doctoral students who are interested in teaching careers in the CSU. You may apply for this loan regardless of where you will be obtaining your doctoral degree. Loans of up to \$10,000 per year up to a total of \$30,000 within 5 years are available at a very low interest rate. If the recipient is hired at a CSU campus as a tenure track faculty member for each year of service 20% of the loan is forgiven. This program also requires a faculty mentor who will sponsor the student. The deadline for SDSU applications is **February 27, 2009**. All details of this loan program as well as an application request can be found at <http://www.calstate.edu/HR/FLP/>

If you are a current SDSU faculty lecturer seeking a doctoral degree you are also able to apply.

The application is now ready to access online! Here is a step by step guide to take you there:

- Log on to the CDIP website: www.calstate.edu/hr/cdip/index.shtml
- Click on “Applicant Information” in the left bar
- Use the shortcuts at the top of the page to navigate through the various parts of the online overview of the program, and see the sample qualification and motivation statements and sample collaborative plans of support, OR just scroll through the pages
- Use the link in the upper right hand corner to download the application as a .pdf file.

You may want to print out several hard copies of the application to review it with students who come to your office inquiring about the program. Encourage students to fill out the application online, then print it out to sign it. Notice that both the student AND the faculty advisor will be signing the bottom of the application form.

CDIP MINI-GRANT PROGRAM COMING

We are finalizing details of a mini-grant program designed to support active CDIP Scholars and their CSU Faculty Advisors as they implement the Collaborative Plan of Support submitted with their applications. This exciting program will provide money for travel to conferences/workshops, professional journals, small research projects, etc. Applications will be available Spring 2009 for activities during the 2009-10 Academic Year. The CSU Faculty Advisors and the CDIP Scholars will prepare a grant application together. More details will follow shortly.

For more information regarding this program please contact jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu

2009 Student Research Symposium

SDSU is pleased to announce the 2nd annual [Student Research Symposium](#) (SRS). All SDSU students involved in original scholarship are encouraged to participate. The SRS showcases student research, scholarship and creative activity through oral and poster presentations. SRS awardees may also compete in the 2009 CSU Student Research Competition. Online registration opens via the Division of Research Affairs’ website on December 1, 2008 and closes on February 2, 2009. The SRS is a two-day event scheduled for February 27-28, 2009 at the Aztec Center. Please encourage your students to participate and consider serving as an SRS judge.

Research Ethics Courses Available for Graduate Students

Two courses are offered through Graduate & Research Affairs in Research Ethics. These are **elective** courses available to all graduate students and may also be used to meet federal regulations that require NIH and NSF training grant recipients to receive training in Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).

Research and Scholarship Ethics (INT-S 690, 1-unit) is an introduction to the core content areas that influence the responsible conduct of research (commonly known as RCR). A unique feature of this course is its interdisciplinary approach to the subject matter. This class is intended for graduate students across all disciplines who will be/are involved in research. The course engages students in reading about, considering, and discussing practices that promote responsible research as well as actions which compromise research integrity, using case examples from many different fields. The course does not focus on regulations, nor is it primarily concerned with compliance; rather, this is an opportunity for students to think about why we have regulations in certain areas, and why we should care about conducting our research and scholarship with integrity. Areas for consideration include data management, human/animal subjects and stem cell protection, authorship and publication, mentor/trainee relationships, collaboration, conflict of interest, and science in the public interest. We'll examine such issues as what constitutes "data," what contributions are necessary to earn an authorship credit, what your relationship with your mentor might look like, and what to do if you suspect unethical behavior.

For spring 2009, this class meets for eight sessions (every other Monday) from 2-3:40. There are both reading and writing assignments, as well as in-class group exercises. The course is offered credit/
no credit. Successful completion requires attendance at all eight sessions, active engagement in class discussions, completing all assigned reading, and satisfactory completion of all writing assignments. This class is limited to 20 students; early registration is advised.

Advanced Seminar: Responsible Conduct of Research (INT-S 695, 3-unit advanced seminar). This course meets every Monday from 4-6:40 and involves a more nuanced and thorough approach to ethical issues in research and scholarship. Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

Please e-mail me at plemmons@mail.sdsu.edu if you have any questions. Thank you.

Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education

The Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education will be held at CSU San Marcos on Saturday, Saturday, April 25, 2009. The Forum is the largest minority-oriented graduate and professional school fair held in the United States. There will be approximately 1200-1600 students in attendance. If you are interested in reserving a table for recruitment purposes, please contact, "Polakoff, Kip" kpolakoff@calstate.edu

Who attends the Forum? Southern California UC/CSU/Private universities select their delegations of students on the basis of demonstrated promise of success in master's degree and doctoral-level work, primarily grade-point averages and faculty recommendations. The Forum is open to all college sophomores, juniors, seniors, and master's candidates but is designed particularly to serve the needs of first-generation, low

–income, and other students from underserved populations. There is no charge for attendance, and the Forum provides free bus transportation and a free lunch. Attendance at the Forum is by invitation only. Students are selected by their home campuses using the following criteria:

- Sophomore, junior, or senior class standing or candidacy for a master's degree
- Grade-point average (3.0 or higher)
- Promise of success in graduate work
- Faculty recommendations

- Membership in a group underrepresented in higher education

SDSU will be inviting qualified students to attend this forum via an email invitation. If you have students you wish to attend and or want more information please contact Janet Rodgers jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu